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Utilization of the provision for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 56/254 A of 24 December 2001, appropriated under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 an amount of $98,338,700 for special political missions.

2. As described in paragraph 3.46 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, the utilization of the amount would be subject to individual legislative mandates and approval by the General Assembly as and when the Security Council and/or the Assembly establish or renew such mandates.

3. By its resolution 56/255 of 24 December 2001, the General Assembly approved charges amounting to $11,113,400 for special political missions relating to matters of which the Security Council is seized. By adopting resolutions 56/220 A and B of 21 December 2001 concerning the situation in Afghanistan; 56/223 of 24 December on the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala; 56/224 of 24 December 2001 concerning the situation in Central America; and 56/231 of 24 December 2001 concerning the situation of human rights in Myanmar, the Assembly further approved charges amounting to $22,576,900 for special missions authorized by the Assembly.

4. During the first part of the resumed fifty-sixth session, the General Assembly will have approved, in the context of estimates pertaining to matters of which the Security Council is seized, additional charges totalling $30,345,100 against the provision of $98,338,700 for special political missions, as detailed in the annex to the present report.

5. The Fifth Committee may wish to take note that an unallocated balance of $34,303,300 remains against the provision of $98,338,700 for special political missions for 2002-2003.

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Annex

Provision for special political missions, under section 3, Political affairs

		(Thousands of United States dollars)
Amount appropriated at current 2002-2003 rates		**98 338.7**
Utilization of the provision:		
A. Charges approved during first part of the fifty-sixth session:		
1. The situation in Central America — United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (MINUGUA) (A/C.5/56/26, A/56/705, A/56/747 and resolution 56/223)	14 755.1	
2. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (A/C.5/56/27, A/56/709, A/56/750 and resolution 56/224)	188.5	
3. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/C.5/56/24 and A/C.5/56/SR.33, A/56/748 and resolution 56/231)	277.9	
4. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (A/C.5/56/31, A/56/720, A/C.5/56/25 and resolution 56/220)	7 355.4	
5. Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized (A/C.5/56/25 and Add.1 and 2; A/56/7/Add.5-7 and resolution 56/255)	11 113.4	
Total charges approved during the first part of the fifty-sixth session		**33 690.3**
B. Charges requested for approval during the first part of the resumed fifty-sixth session:		
1. Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized (A/C.5/56/25 and Add.1-3; A/56/7/Add.6-8; A/C.5/56/SR.47, 48 and ___)	30 345.1	
Total charges requested for approval during the first part of the resumed fifty-sixth session		**30 345.1**
Total		**64 035.4**
Unallocated balance		**34 303.3**